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Please Note:

New vendors and subcontractors must supply all required paperwork (Appendix 1, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters), and must register in the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA). In addition, all Vendors must also be registered in the CCR, within 48 hours after bid opening or your company may be considered non-responsive.

FV-316

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: November 2, 2005

Fresh Citrus, Announcement FV-316, Invitation 003.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell fresh citrus as indicated below and per the Announcement for use in child nutrition programs. Offers are due by 1 p.m., Central Time, **Wednesday, November 9, 2005**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, **Friday, November 18, 2005**. Deliveries are to be made from January 2, 2006 through April 26, 2006.

Offers are invited from the trade for 42,066 cases of fresh oranges in cartons to a shipping container.

Vendors or subcontractors who are supplying fresh oranges are required to undergo the USDA AMS FVP Fresh Products Branch Good Handling Practices (GHP) certification process, and must score at least 70% on each of the following elements: House Packing; Storage and Transportation; and Traceback, prior to the submission of bids. Brokers are exempt from this requirement.

Vendors or subcontractors who have not acquired the GHP certification prior to the submission of bids will be deemed non-responsive.

The Fresh Produce Audit Verification Program can be accessed at the following website:

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/fpbgapghp.htm>

No offer will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.

Funds are not presently available for contracts awarded for FY 2006. The Government's obligation for contracts issued is contingent upon appropriation of funds from which payment for contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the Government for any payment may arise until funds are made available to the Contracting Officer for these contracts and until the Contractor receives written notice of such availability from the Contracting Officer.



Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the Internet. Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive. Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: <http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes> which translates into a connection of <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe>? Once connected, follow the online procedures. A 'HELP' button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Inquiries about Announcement FV-316 Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Fresh Fruit dated April 2004, or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this invitation can be obtained through the world wide web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

Purchases will be made on a delivered basis, subject to Announcement FV-316, to the listed locations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

Split shipments are indicated by single asterisk.

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV316
 INVITATION : 003
 COMM GROUP : 34 FRUIT, FRESH
 COMM TYPE : 40 ORANGES, FRESH
 PACK SIZE : 36 34-39 LB CTN

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/02/06 - 01/04/06					
001	ROCK ISLAND	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/09/06 - 01/11/06					
002	PICO RIVERA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/16/06 - 01/18/06					
003	ROCK ISLAND	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/23/06 - 01/25/06					
004	PORT NEWARK	NJ		2,052	_____
005	VINELAND	NJ		2,052	_____
006	COMMERCE	CA	TRUCK ONLY	256	_____
	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	770	_____
007	LAS VEGAS	NV	TRUCK ONLY	550	_____
	RENO	NV	TRUCK ONLY	476	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 01/30/06 - 02/01/06					
008	PICO RIVERA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 02/06/06 - 02/08/06					
009	CLEVELAND	GA	TRUCK ONLY	800	_____
	LOUISVILLE	TN	TRUCK ONLY	226	_____
010	JOHNSON CITY	TN	TRUCK ONLY	372	_____
	MADISON HEIGHTS	VA	TRUCK ONLY	654	_____
011	ROCK ISLAND	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	_____

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DELIVERY PERIOD 02/13/06 - 02/15/06					
012	NIANTIC	CT	TRUCK ONLY	386	_____
	ROCKY HILL	CT	TRUCK ONLY	640	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 02/20/06 - 02/22/06					
013	PORT NEWARK	NJ		2,052	_____
014	VINELAND	NJ		2,052	_____
015	DANVILLE	VA	TRUCK ONLY	510	_____
	MADISON HEIGHTS	VA	TRUCK ONLY	516	_____
016	ROCK ISLAND	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	_____
017	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	_____
018	PICO RIVERA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 02/27/06 - 03/01/06					
019	FORT MILL	SC	TRUCK ONLY	601	_____
	LEXINGTON	SC		425	_____
020	ROCK ISLAND	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	_____
021	LAS VEGAS	NV	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	_____

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DELIVERY PERIOD 03/06/06 - 03/08/06					
022	DELAWARE CITY	DE	TRUCK ONLY	513	_____
	LAUREL	MD	TRUCK ONLY	513	
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	LAUREL	MD	TRUCK ONLY	513	
024	MADISON HEIGHTS	VA	TRUCK ONLY	744	_____
	SUFFOLK	VA	TRUCK ONLY	282	
025	LEXINGTON	SC		1,026	_____
026	PICO RIVERA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 03/13/06 - 03/15/06					
027	ROCK ISLAND	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 03/27/06 - 03/29/06					
028	PORT NEWARK	NJ		1,026	_____
029	VINELAND	NJ		1,026	_____
030	ROCK ISLAND	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	_____
031	PICO RIVERA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	_____

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DELIVERY PERIOD 04/03/06 - 04/05/06					
032	ROCK ISLAND	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	_____
033	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 04/10/06 - 04/12/06					
034	DELAWARE CITY	DE	TRUCK ONLY	513	_____
	LAUREL	MD	TRUCK ONLY	513	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 04/17/06 - 04/19/06					
035	PORT NEWARK	NJ		1,026	_____
036	VINELAND	NJ		1,026	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 04/24/06 - 04/26/06					
037	ROCK ISLAND	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,026	_____
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE				42,066	
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION				42,066	


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 Contracting Officer

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